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MEMORANDUM

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TO: R. M. Wood, A-830
FROM: J. M. Brown/W. P. Wilson, Jr., A-833
SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH BARBARA J. HICKOX
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REFERENCE: Report No. 680701-2, Tape #2

Mrs. Barbara J. Hickox was interviewed by J. M. Brown and W. P. Wilson, Jr. on 31 July 1968 from 10:15AM to 11:00AM at her residence which is at 153 East 53rd Street in Long Beach, California.

Mrs. Hickox reported to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Druffel of NICAP that she had seen and ridden an aerospace vehicle manned by extraterrestrial beings. The purpose of the visit was to explore the possibility of obtaining useful technical information from Mrs. Hickox.

Mrs. Hickox lives with her daughter Tracy (age 6) in a very inexpensive house in a very old section of town. Mrs. Hickox works, on call, as a contract key punch operator which pays her \$3.00 per hour. She is approximately 5' 9" tall, weighs approximately 160 pounds, and is around 40 years old. She has been married several times - her maiden name is Hickox.

At the very outset of the discussion Mrs. Hickox made it clear that she did not want to be exploited. She stated that she had given away ideas worth four million dollars to various people and she didn't want to give away any more. On the other hand, she said she was making all the money she wanted and had all the luxuries of life. She was not interested in getting involved by becoming rich.

We did not discuss her observations made while aboard the vehicle. She talked about a unique method for producing a vacuum, a unique method for transmitting radiation energy non-violently (in contrast to a laser), a patent she had issued to her on a piece of furniture fashioned after the spacecraft propulsion system, and her method of making extensive sketches in order to convey her ideas to other people. I absolutely could not make sense out of what she was saying. However, we did not explore these questions further in order not to be in the position of accepting useful information then being potentially liable for that information.

We discussed the possibility of employing Mrs. Hickox as a consultant. We told her that if she accepted employment as a consultant the company would expect to own any ideas divulged by her. She would, in return, receive the agreed-upon hourly compensation. We agreed to proceed with background information gathering to prepare a recommendation to our management that she be employed as a consultant at a rate of slightly over \$3.00/hour. If our checks on her resulted in our recommendation to management and if management concurred, then a few exploratory hours of her time would be utilized. Further time might then be warranted to go into various areas in great depth. Primarily in her description of the vehicle and its propulsion system.

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